GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

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SEIZURE OF NARCOTIC DRUGS
PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of seizures of narcotic drugs made in Gujarat during the current year till date;

(b) the reasons for Gujarat State being vulnerable to drug trafficking; and

(c) the steps taken to check drug trafficking in the State?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) : Sir, During the year 2000 (upto October) 108 cases of narcotics drugs trafficking have been registered in the State of Gujarat as reported to the Narcotics Control Bureau

(NCB) by the various drug law enforcement agencies.

(b) : Gujarat State is vulnerable to drug trafficking mainly because of its extensive coastline and geographical proximity to the major opiate producing regions in South-West Asia.

(c) : Significant steps taken by the Government to check drug trafficking in the State include constant vigil, steppingup of enforcement efforts, gearing up of intelligence machinery, vesting of powers in BSF and Coast Guards under the Customs Act to interdict narcotic drugs on the border, holding of periodic cross border meetings in which representatives of Indian and Pakistani narcotic agencies are present and stringent action against all persons arrested for drug trafficking under the NDPS Act.